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Weekly wrap-up

Governor announces 475 new jobs

Sept. 18, 2007– Governor Daniels joined AT&T Indiana president George Fleetwood at the Anderson AT&T network site to announce the creation of 475 new jobs in Indiana. This is the latest announcement in a series that have brought 1,500 AT&T jobs to the state since the passage of House Bill 1279 in 2006.

“Our new telecommunications law is creating jobs for Hoosiers and leading to the development of innovative technologies our state needs,” said Gov. Daniels. “AT&T’s continued investment in new employees and leading-edge products is a great example.”

“Governor Daniels deserves tremendous credit for giving the state’s telecom sector a green light to create jobs and deploy next-generation technology,” said Fleetwood. “When you combine the reforms in House Bill 1279 with the rapid subscriber growth that we are seeing for our new television services, you have a recipe that fuels our need for additional employees.”

Earlier this year, AT&T also announced job growth resulting from the passage of HB 1279. In July, the company officially opened a new Internet subscriber call center that is slated to employ 425 Hoosiers. AT&T also plans to hire 600 workers to operate a wireless customer care center that is scheduled to open next month.



Sept. 18, 2007- Governor Daniels talks with Anderson residents at the AT&T economic development announcement.

Governor Daniels finalizes details of Healthy Indiana Plan

Sept. 21, 2007– After returning from meetings with federal officials in Washington, D.C., Gov. Mitch Daniels announced an update on the state’s new health care program. Last week, the federal government approved the funding mechanisms and structure for the Healthy Indiana Plan that will provide health insurance to approximately 130,000 low-income Hoosiers.

“This innovative program is a big step forward in helping Indiana’s uninsured. It will provide these Hoosiers with an account under their control for paying for routine and first dollar expenses. Anything they don’t spend at the end of the year is theirs,” said Governor Daniels.

The plan will use federal matching grants and an estimated \$140 million of revenue from the state cigarette tax to pay for services such as physician and hospital visits, prescriptions and diagnostic exams. It will also provide preventive care with the prospect of decreasing the need for medical care over time.

Gov. Daniels introduced the original concept for the Healthy Indiana Plan in 2006. House Enrolled Act 1678 was passed with bipartisan support during the 2007 legislative session.

Applications will be accepted beginning in December. Coverage is expected to start in January.

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To view past updates, click [here](#).

To visit Governor Daniels’ Web site, click [here](#).

Governor holds cookout for overnight hosts

Sept. 15, 2007— In appreciation of their hospitality in welcoming him into their homes as an overnight guest, Governor Daniels invited families that have hosted him throughout the past several years to a cookout at the Governor's Residence.

"So many people have been generous enough to open their homes to me, so I thought I'd make an attempt at returning the favor," said Gov. Daniels. "I've stayed overnight in the homes of close to a hundred different Hoosier families of all kinds, and that's how I've learned about this job and about this state."



Sept. 15, 2007— Gov. Daniels greets guests at the Governor's Residence during a cookout for his overnight hosts. When the governor travels around the state, he stays with Hoosier families instead of in hotels.

DOT finalizes time zone change for five southwestern Indiana counties

Sept. 20, 2007- Five additional counties in southwestern Indiana will be in the Eastern Time Zone beginning in November, according to the final rule issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The time zone for Knox, Daviess, Martin, Pike and Dubois counties will be changed from Central to Eastern on November 4 when daylight saving time ends and standard time begins. The counties jointly petitioned for the change earlier this year. A sixth county, Perry, will remain in the Central Time Zone.

"We now have the highest number of Hoosiers ever on the same time year round. I was glad to support the local petitions and glad five of the six counties have been approved to move to the Eastern Time Zone," said Governor Mitch Daniels.

[Read the news release.](#)

Pump manufacturer to expand its northeast Indiana operations

Sept. 20, 2007- Flint and Walling, one of the nation's oldest water pump manufacturers, announced it will expand its operations in Kendallville, creating 25 new jobs. The company will invest more than \$5 million to add 32,000 square-foot of manufacturing and warehouse space to its current 205,000 square-foot facility on the city's north side.

"Creating an environment that allows businesses like Flint and Walling to grow and thrive in Indiana is imperative to our economic success," said Nathan Feltman, Indiana Secretary of Commerce and chief executive officer of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. "Flint and Walling is a home-grown Indiana company that continues to create new opportunities for northeast Indiana's workforce."

Established in 1866, Flint and Walling is Kendallville's oldest manufacturer and currently employs 130 associates.

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National distributor to relocate to Hancock County

Sept. 19, 2007- Flodraulic Group, a national distributor of hydraulic, pneumatic, and lubrication components, announced it will relocate its facility to Mount Comfort, creating 11 new jobs.

The company will invest more than \$2.6 million to build and equip its expanded manufacturing and distribution center and will begin hiring additional sales and production staff in 2008.

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A look ahead...

Governor Daniels will travel to Markle, Portland, Muncie and Anderson this week.